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Applicant : Heinrich et al.
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2003 and Notice of Non-Compliance Amendment dated August 26, 2003, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Reply. The Application is amended as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 4.

Amendments to the Drawings are described on page 10 and include the attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 11.

Appendix including the replacement drawing sheet and the annotated drawing sheet is attached following page 13 of this paper.

A two month extension of time is hereby petitioned. Authorization is hereby granted to charge any required fees, including the \$410.00 extension fee, to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.